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HC Office Action Summary

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1,3 and 4 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

Claims 5-10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on December 22, 2004.

This application contains claims 5-10 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 12222004. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson (US 1891989) in view of Andler (US 2368911) and Pindek (US 2186809).

Johnson (figures 1, 2, 4) teaches a zipper for joining two strips comprising two rows of teeth 4 configured to mutually engage with each other under the action of a slider and applied respectively to one of the edges of each of the two strips, the material of at least one of the two strips being of the leather (page 1, lines 35-40), characterized in that the strip is formed by a piece folded in two, in that the area forming a fold is filled with a material of chosen thickness as shown by the central area of the beaded edge 11 surrounded by the folded leather having a

different cross-hatching than the leather and in that the teeth are applied at least partially around the said fold area thus filled. The difference is that while material is placed within the folded portion of the leather strips so as to form the beaded edge 11, it is not stated that the material is a rod the material of the strips forms tapes. However, a beaded edge is commonly formed by a beading cord and Andler (figures 4, 5) is evidence of the well known use of a beading cord 22 acting as a rod to form the beaded edge in the folded tapes that are adhesively secured together so as to quickly form a secure beaded edge (page 2, col. 1, lines 18-47). Further, it is common to dispense with the tapes and mount the teeth directly to the wall of an article as Pindek (figures 1-4) teaches to be conventional (page 2, col. 1, lines 52-58) for example when utilizing the zipper on such disparate articles as a satchel (page 2, col. 1, lines 15-19) or tent (page 2, col. 1, lines 52-57). As it would be beneficial in the construction of Johnson to quickly form the beaded edge, it would have been obvious to utilize a beaded cord as a rod to form the beaded edge as taught by Andler to be useful to quickly form the beaded edge in conjunction with adhesively securing the folded strips together and further utilize the structure to form the wall of an article without a tape as taught to be a useful construction by Pindek, who finds such to be a principle advantage.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson (US 1891989) in view of Andler (US 2368911) and Pindek (US 2186809) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Brozek (US 2267370).

Further modification of the zipper of Johnson so that the material about which the leather is folded is cotton would have been obvious in view of Brozek (figures 3, 5) teaching the use of cotton cord 12 as a conventional material to form the bead upon which the teeth of the zipper are secured.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed in response to the last office action have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the device of Johnson secures the teeth to an intermediate tape and not to a wall of the article itself. While this is the case, this new limitation in claim 1 necessitates the use of the reference to Pindek, who teaches that there is an advantage to dispensing with the tape and mounting the zipper teeth directly on the wall of an article such as a satchel.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is (571) 272-7065. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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